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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MAY 14, 2007 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the May 14, 2007 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which indicates that examination of the above-identified patent application will be restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly distinct species:

Species I

Figs. 2 and 9; and

Species II

Figs. 13 and 20.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species I (Figs. 2 and 9). Claims readable on Species I are claims 1-11, 28 and 31.

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that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

It a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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